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(1) German Patent Document 43 14 301, published May 5, 1994.

Although the reference is in the German language, the drawings are believed to be clear.

(2) German Patent Document 197 18 177, published November 5, 1998. Although the reference is in the German language, the drawings are believed to be clear.

(3) International Publication No. WO 99/56176, published November 4, 1999. This reference discloses a method of manufacturing a cantilever with tip comprising the step of forming a tip-like indent in a substrate, depositing a photoresistant layer which fills said tip-like indent and covers at least a part of said substrate, and photolithographically structuring said photoresist layer to form said cantilever with tip out of said photoresist.

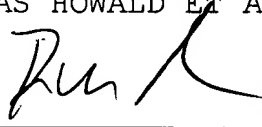
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